Thursday, August 9, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 27

Subject: Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 1 to a contract with TECHLINE, LTD, Austin, TX for 3-phase dead front switchgear to increase the current contract term in an estimated amount not to exceed \$274,944, and increase each of the two remaining 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$137,472 per extension option, for a revised total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,099,776.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$34,368 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Energy Department. Funding for the remaining 21 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II/322-6060

Purchasing Language: Contract Amendment.

MBE/WBE: This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Prior Council Action: 06/07/2007, Approved 24-month requirements supply contract, with two 12-month extension options.

On June 7, 2007, Council approved a 24-month requirements supply contract in an estimated amount not to exceed \$274,944, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$137,472 per extension option for the supply of 3-phase dead front switchgear.

These switchgear will be used to replenish stock at Austin Energy's Decker Transformer Shop warehouse. Dead front switchgear are used for underground distribution systems, they are a collection of fuses and switches used for high voltage switching and circuit protection. Switchgear will be used for existing and future improvements for underground projects such as campus-type industrial, commercial and shopping centers where there are multiple pieces of equipment and multiple customers to be protected.

The estimated required funding approved by Council on June 7, 2007 was incorrectly submitted. The dollar estimates for the initial contract term and extension options originally submitted included funding for only a 12-month initial term rather than the required 24-month period, and the dollar estimates for each extension option originally submitted only included half of the needed funding for each extension option.